Advanced Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis

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Lecture 8

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3 | Yahoo! Search

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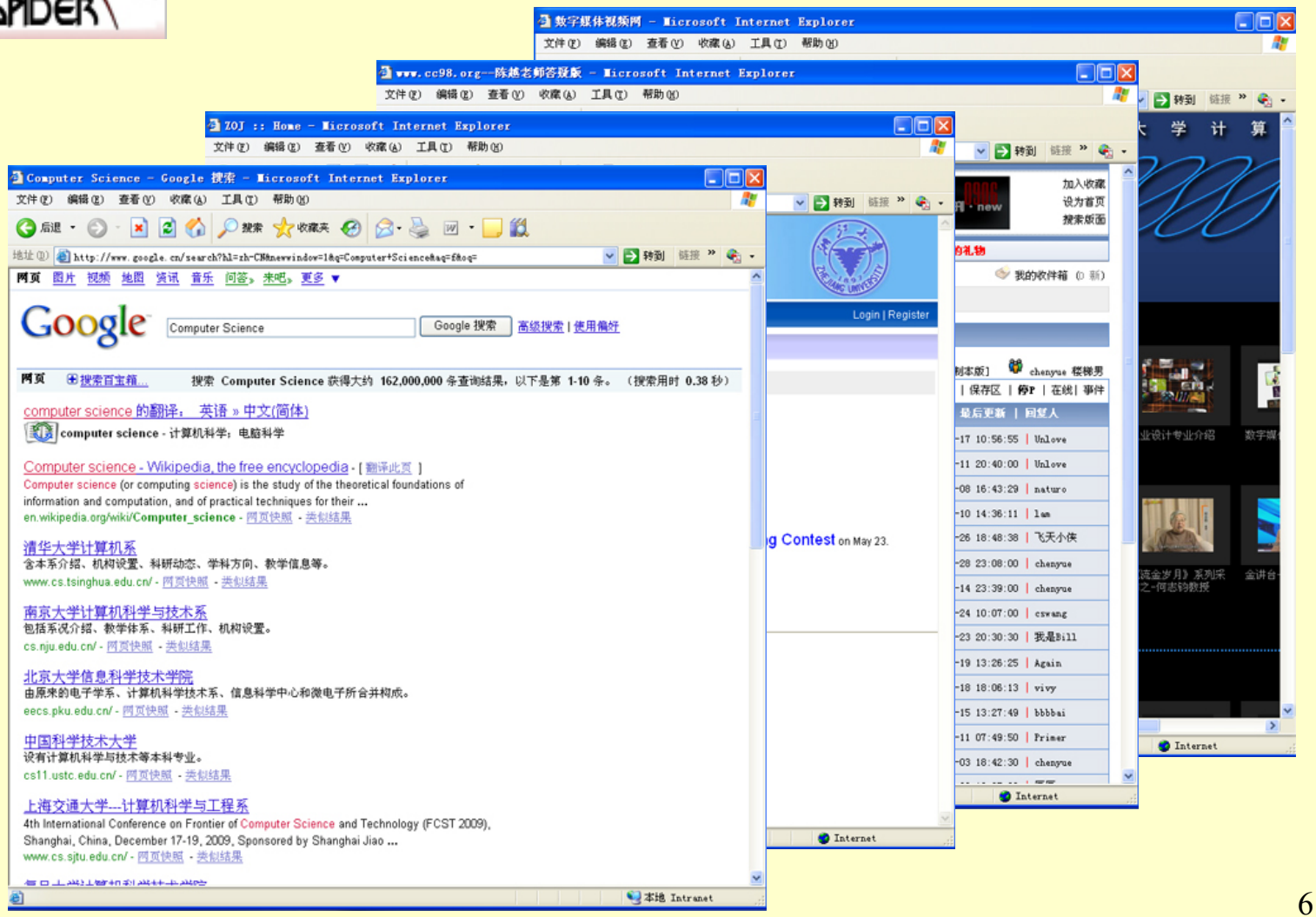
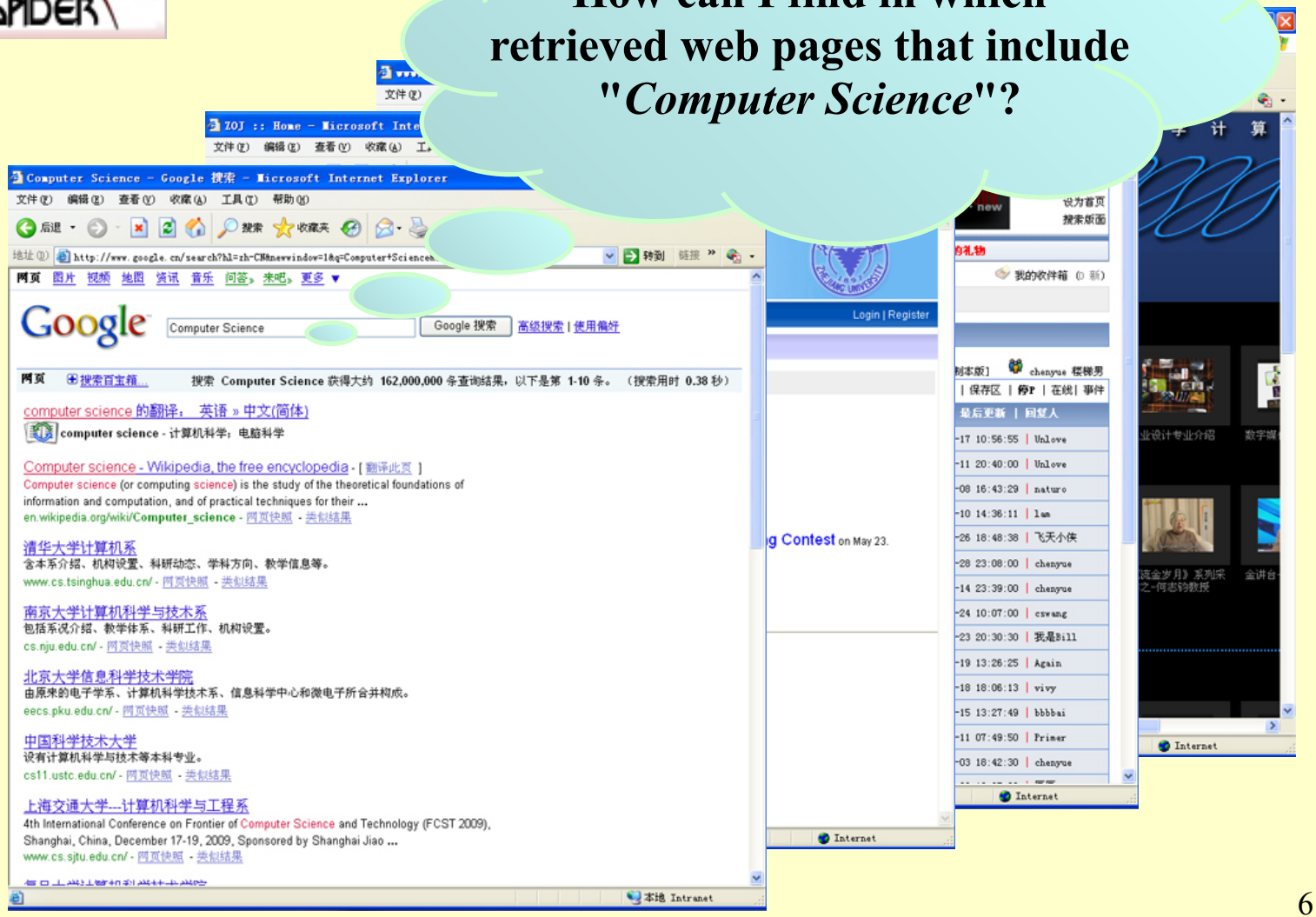


How can I find in which retrieved web pages that include "*Computer Science*"?



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  - These days we frequently think first of web search, but there are many other cases:
    - E-mail search
    - Searching your laptop
    - Corporate knowledge bases
    - Legal information retrieval

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- Goal: Retrieve documents with information that is relevant to the user's information need and helps the user complete a task

This is different from searching for a fixed key in a data structure or database

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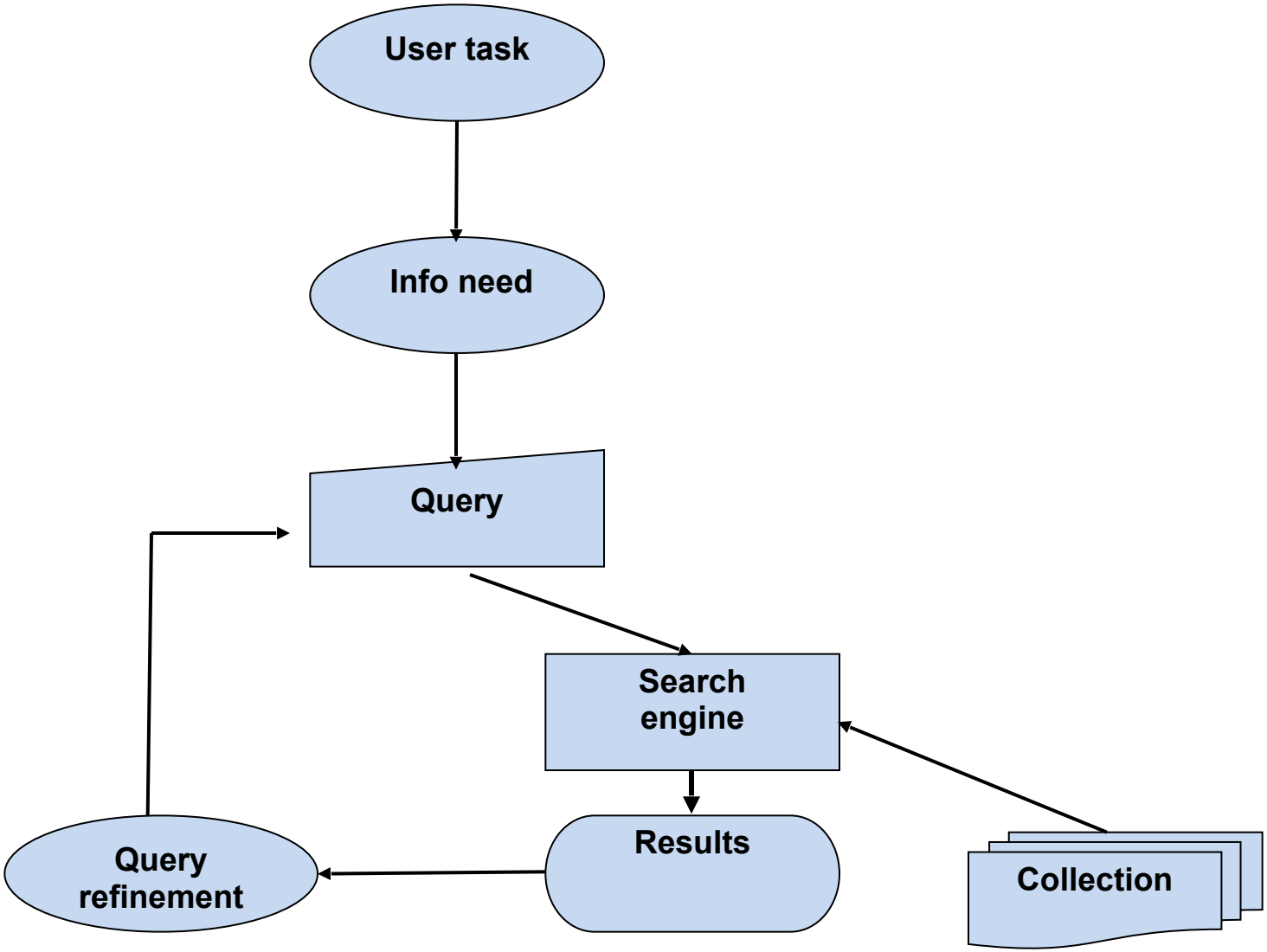

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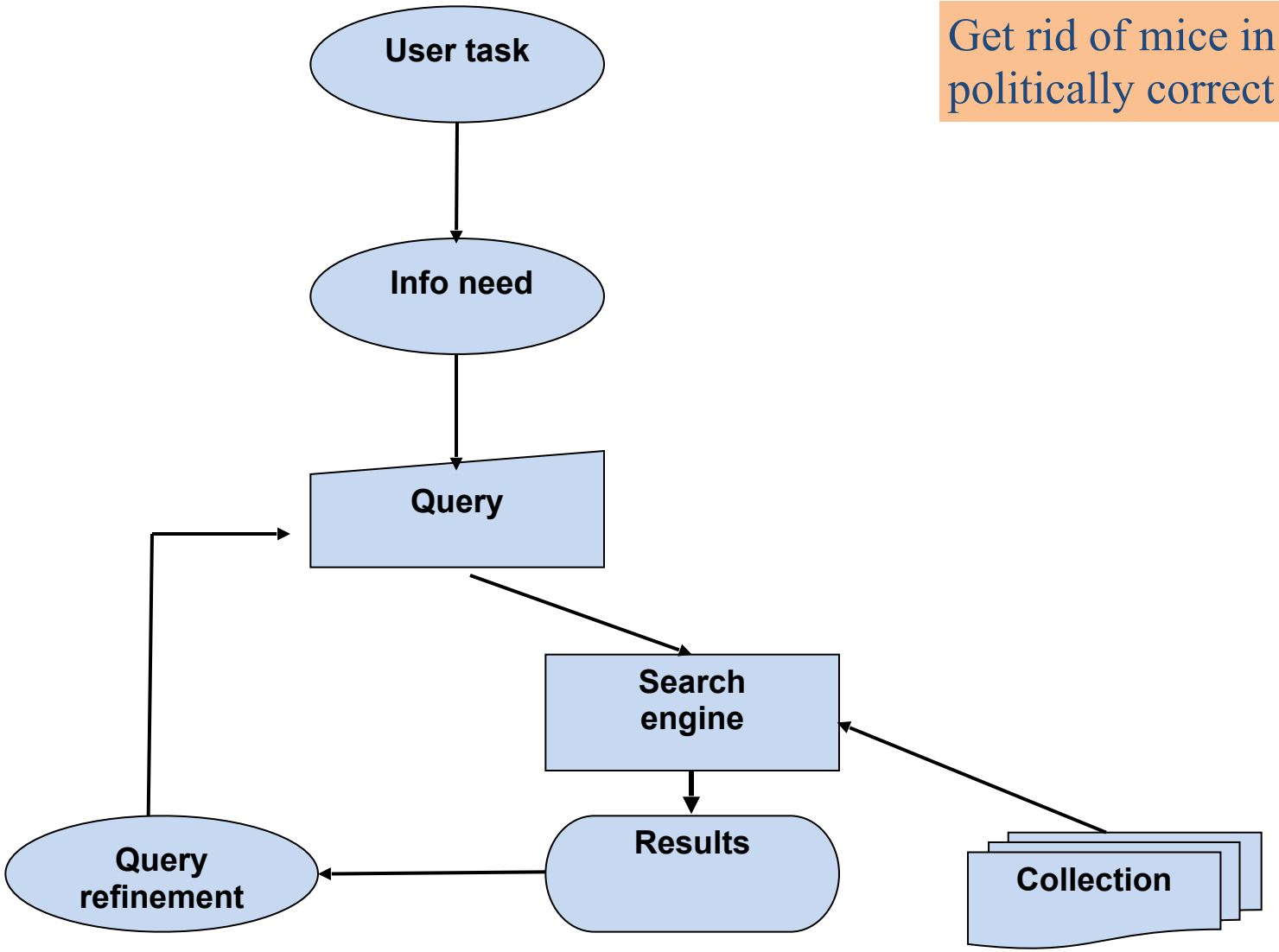

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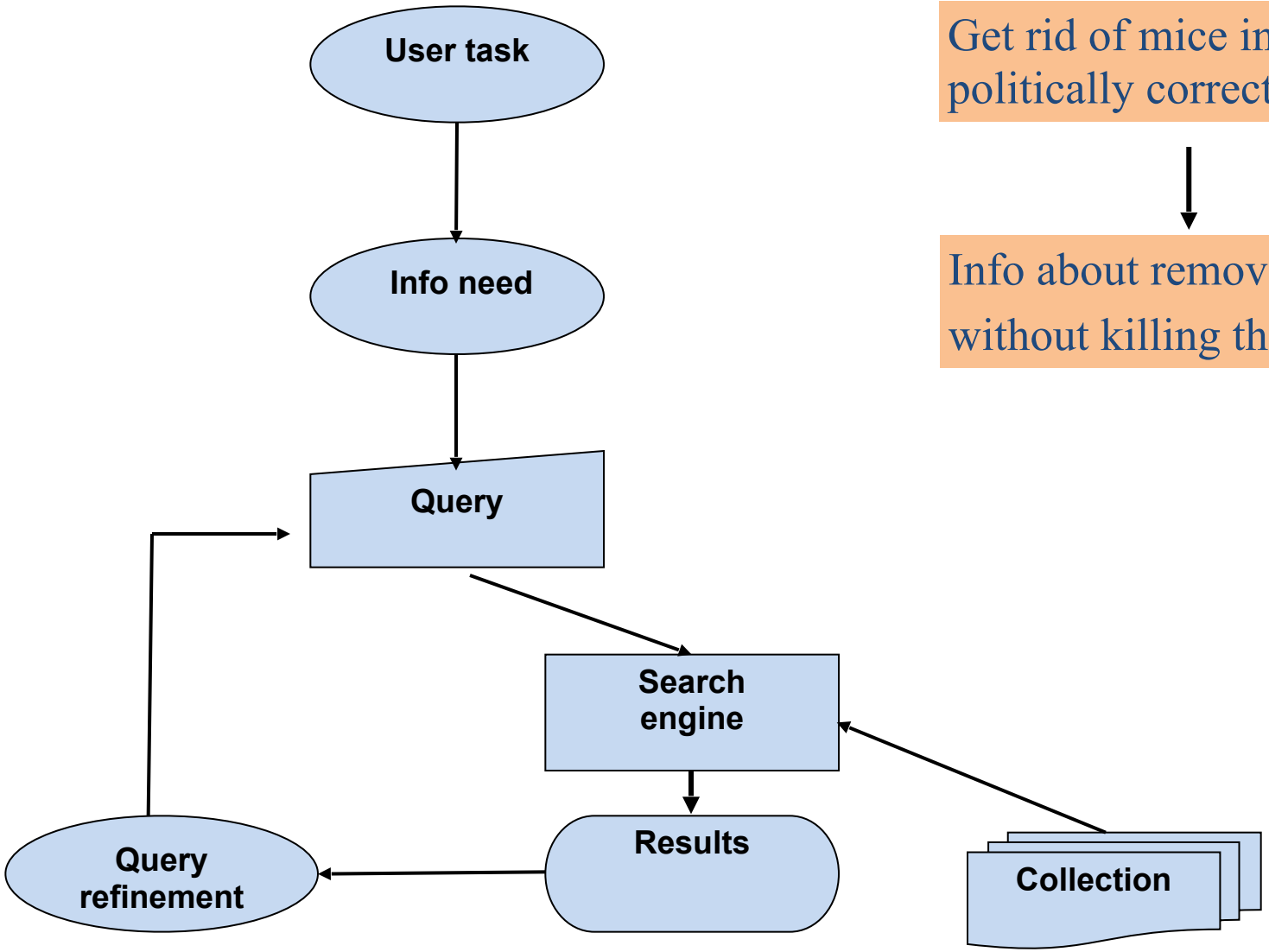

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Info about removing mice without killing them

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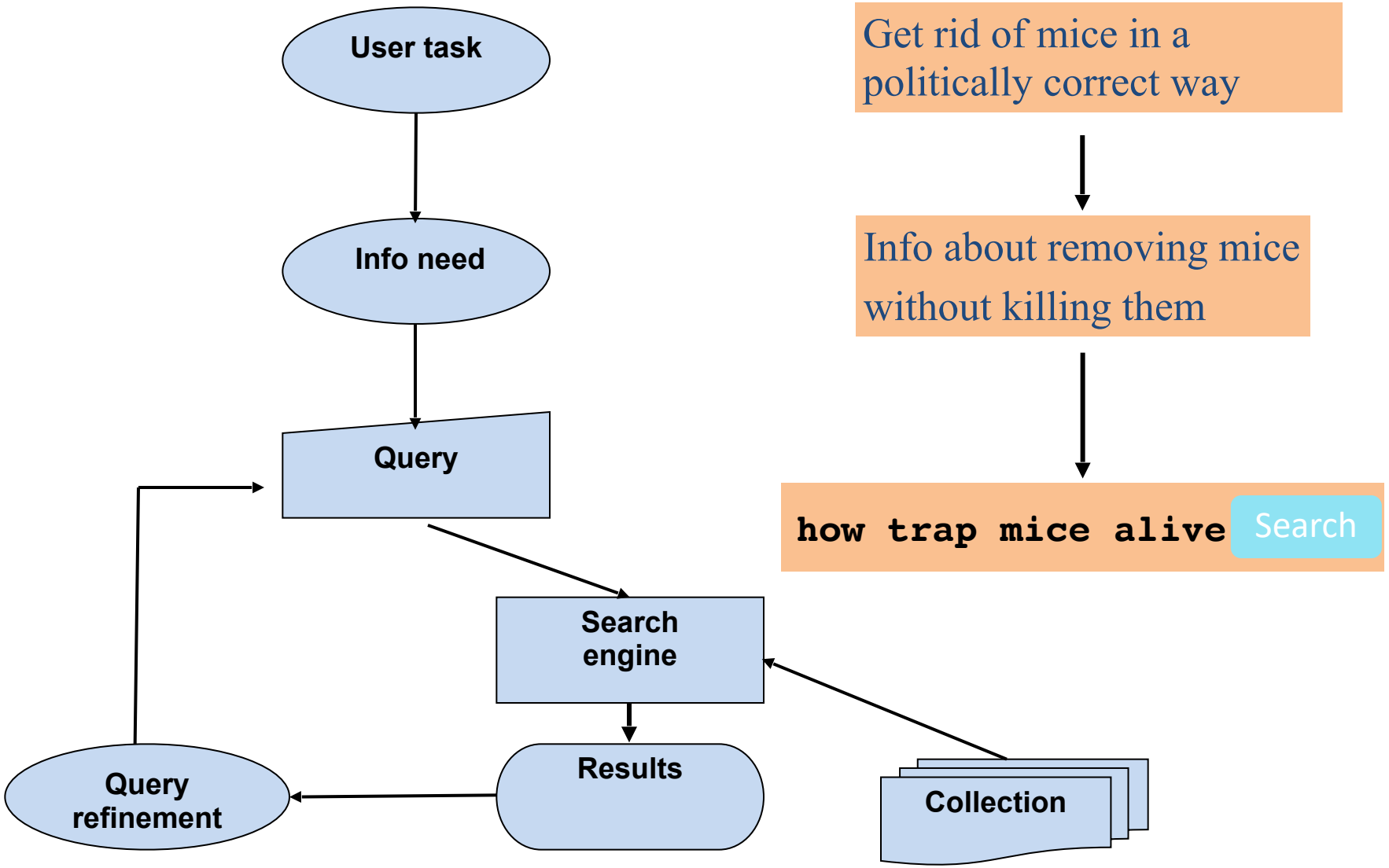

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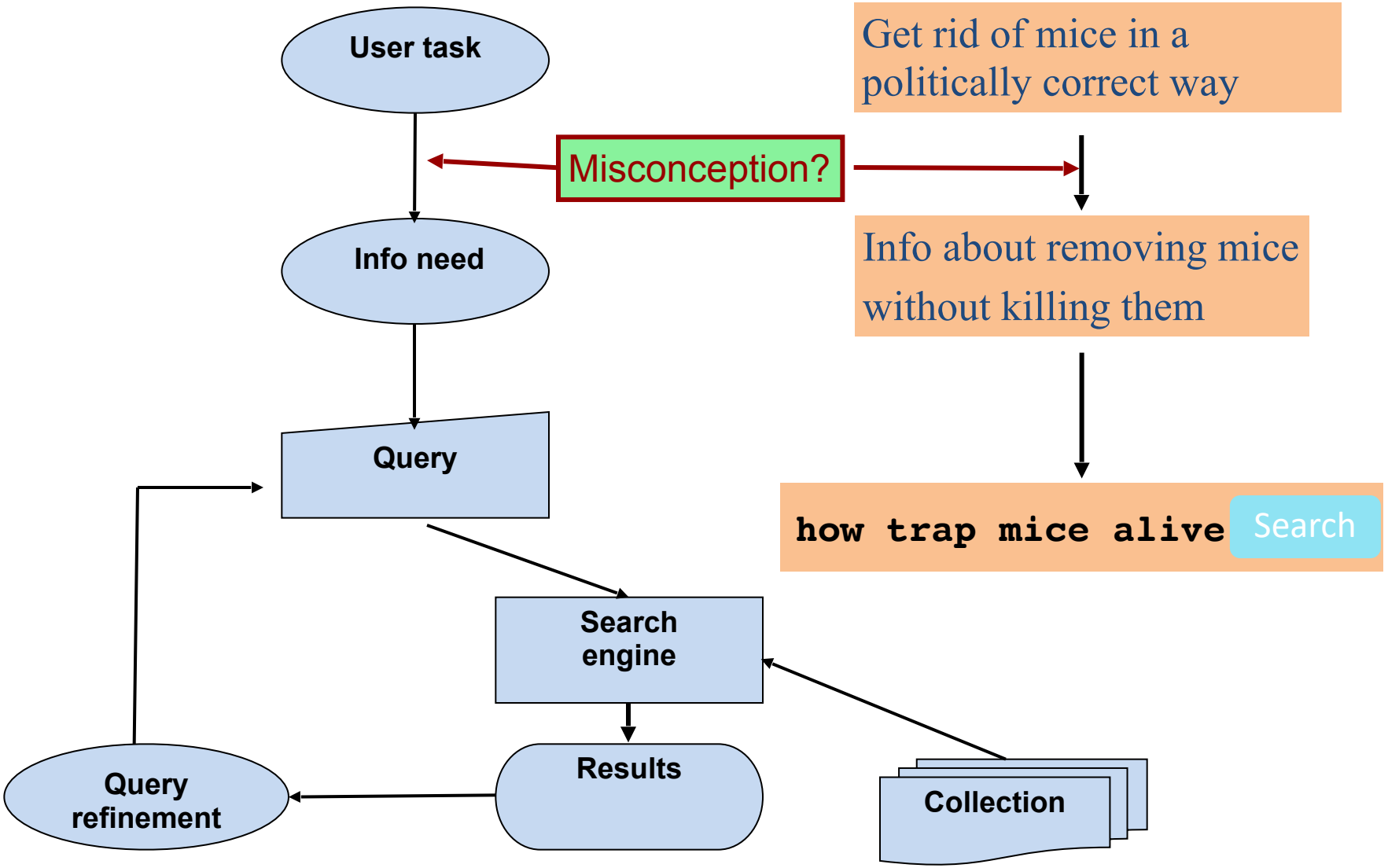

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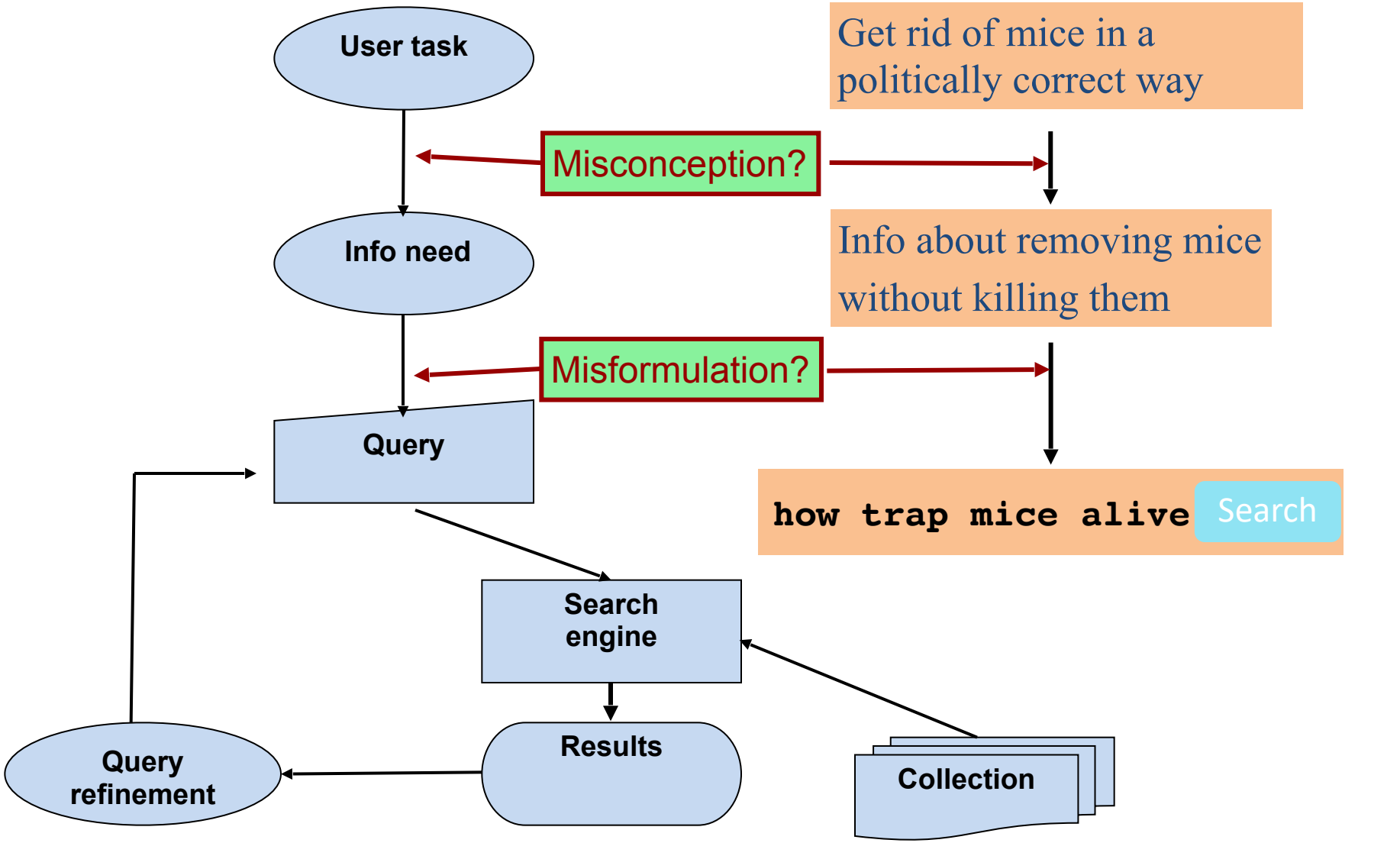

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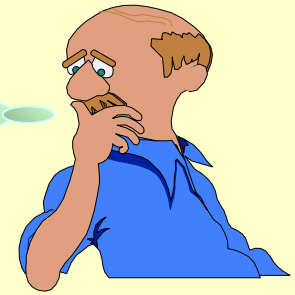

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Inverted because it lists for a *term*, all documents that contain the term

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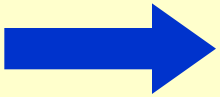

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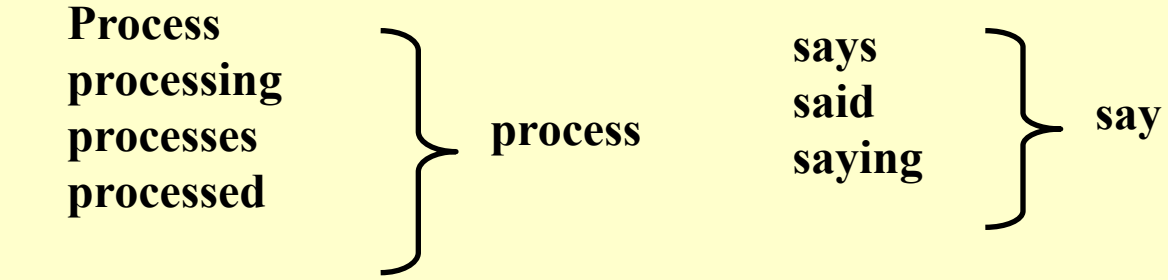

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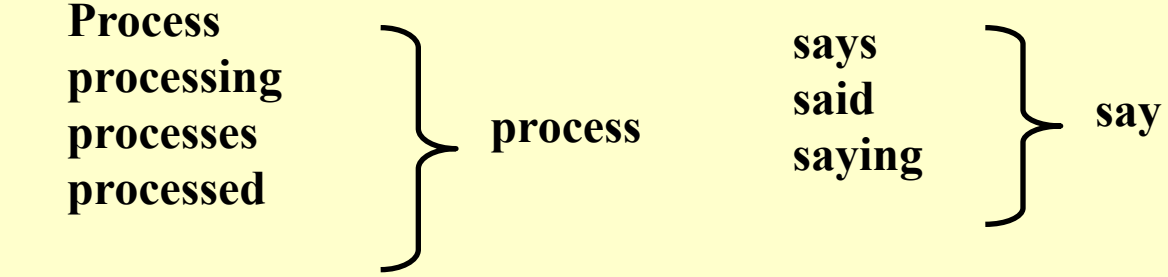

✂ ***Stop Words***

Some words are so common that almost every document contains them, such as "a" "the" "it". It is useless to index them. They are called *stop words*. We can eliminate them from the original documents.

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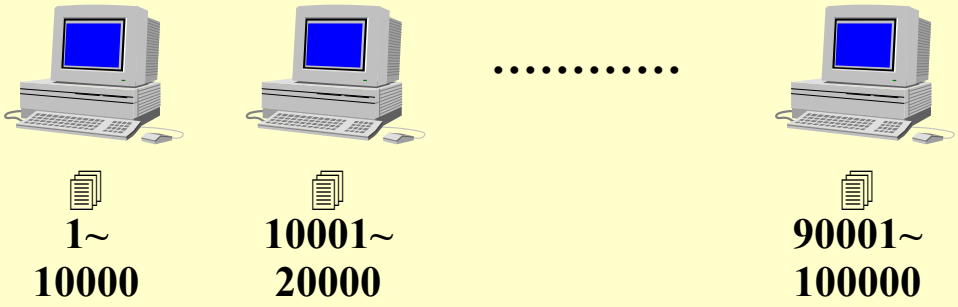

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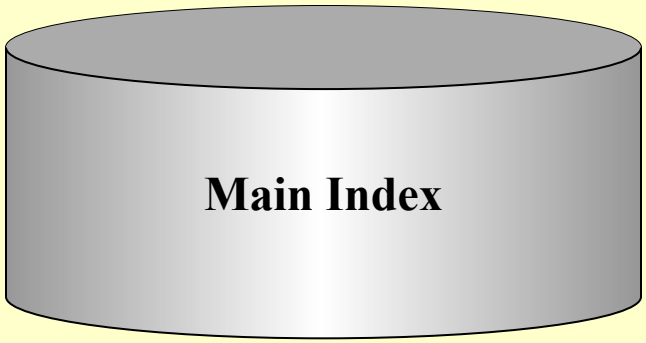

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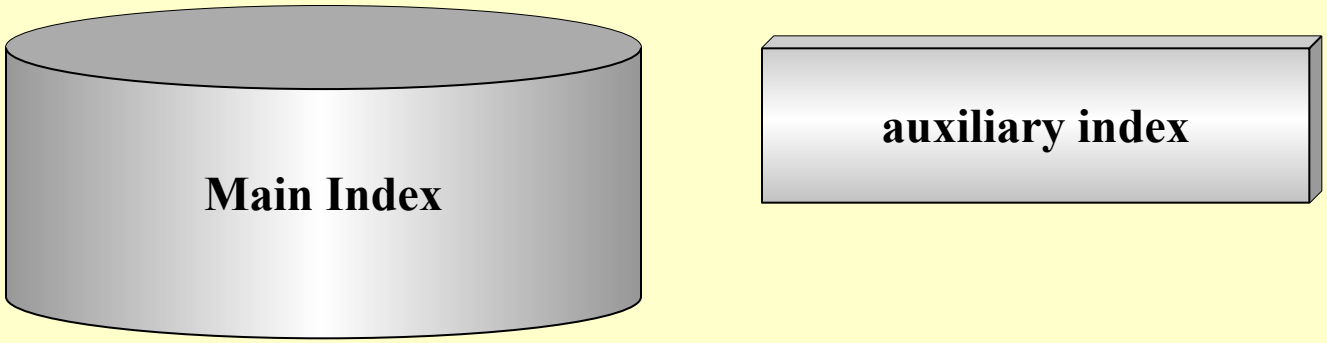

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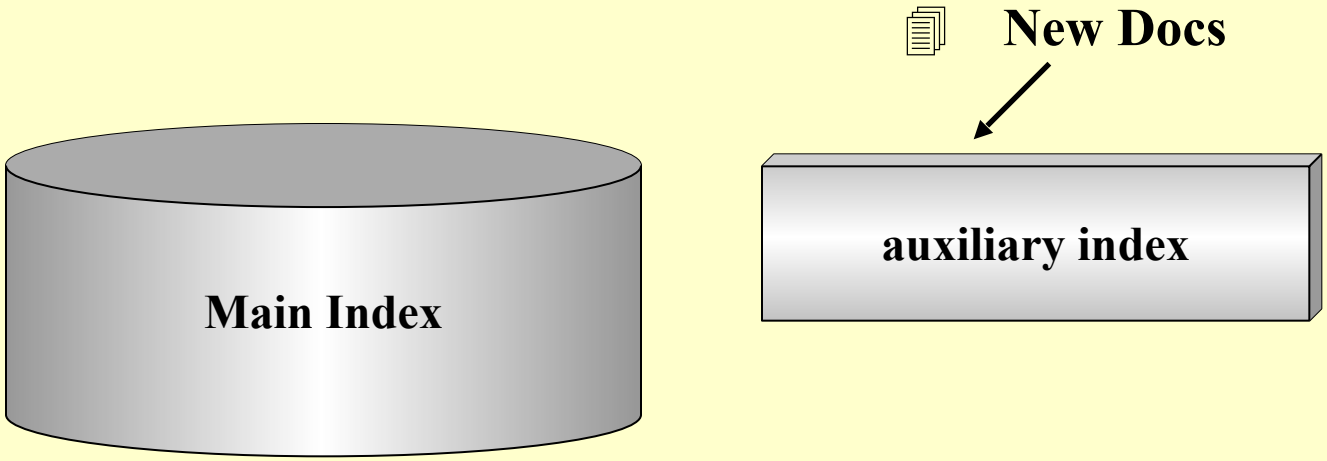

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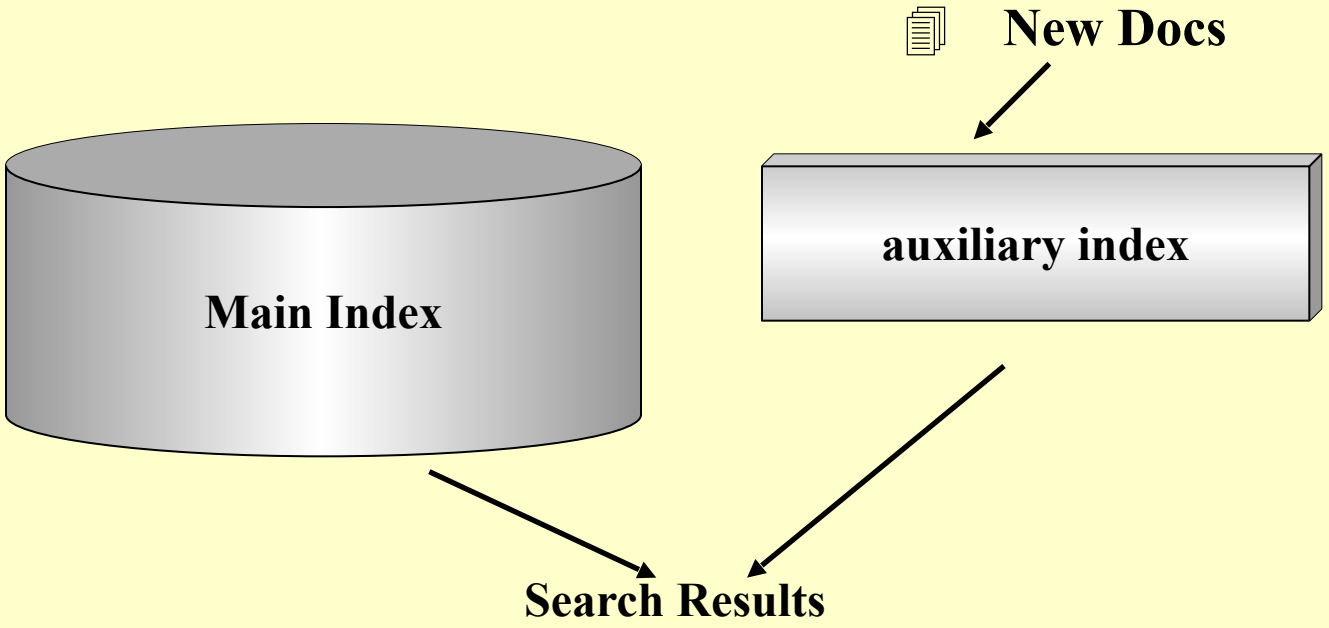

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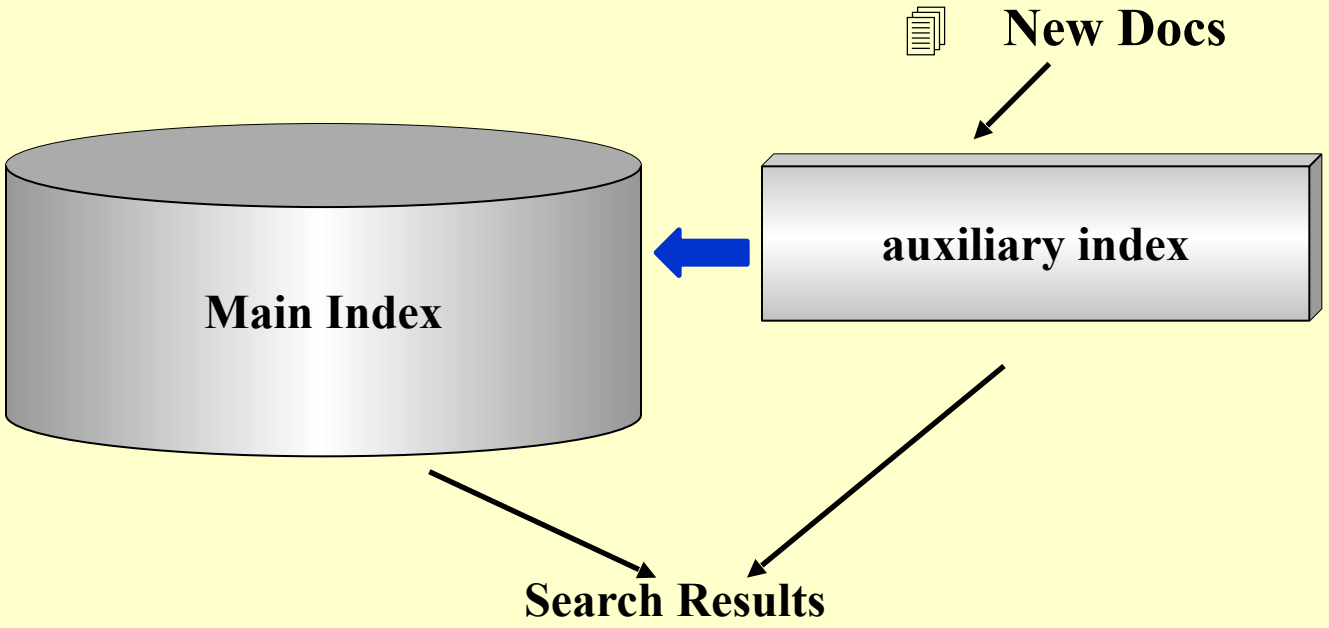

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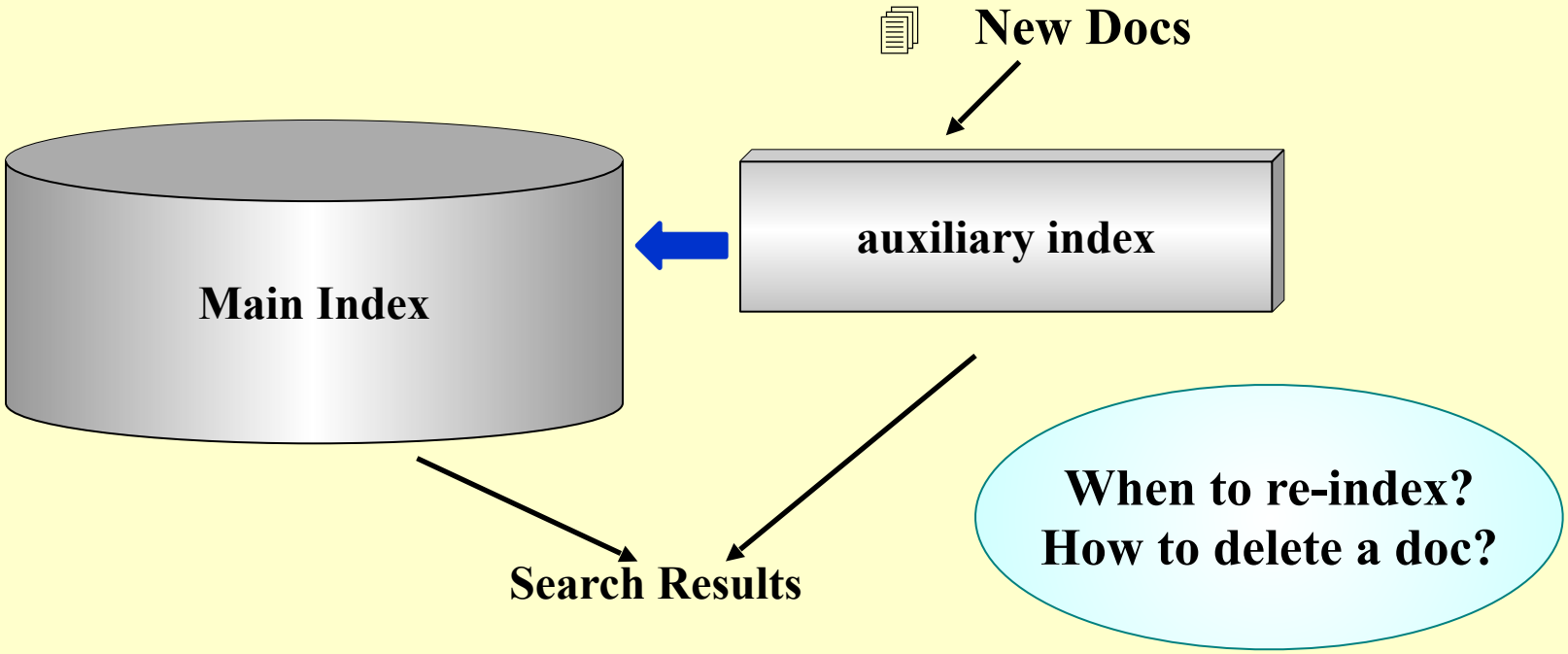

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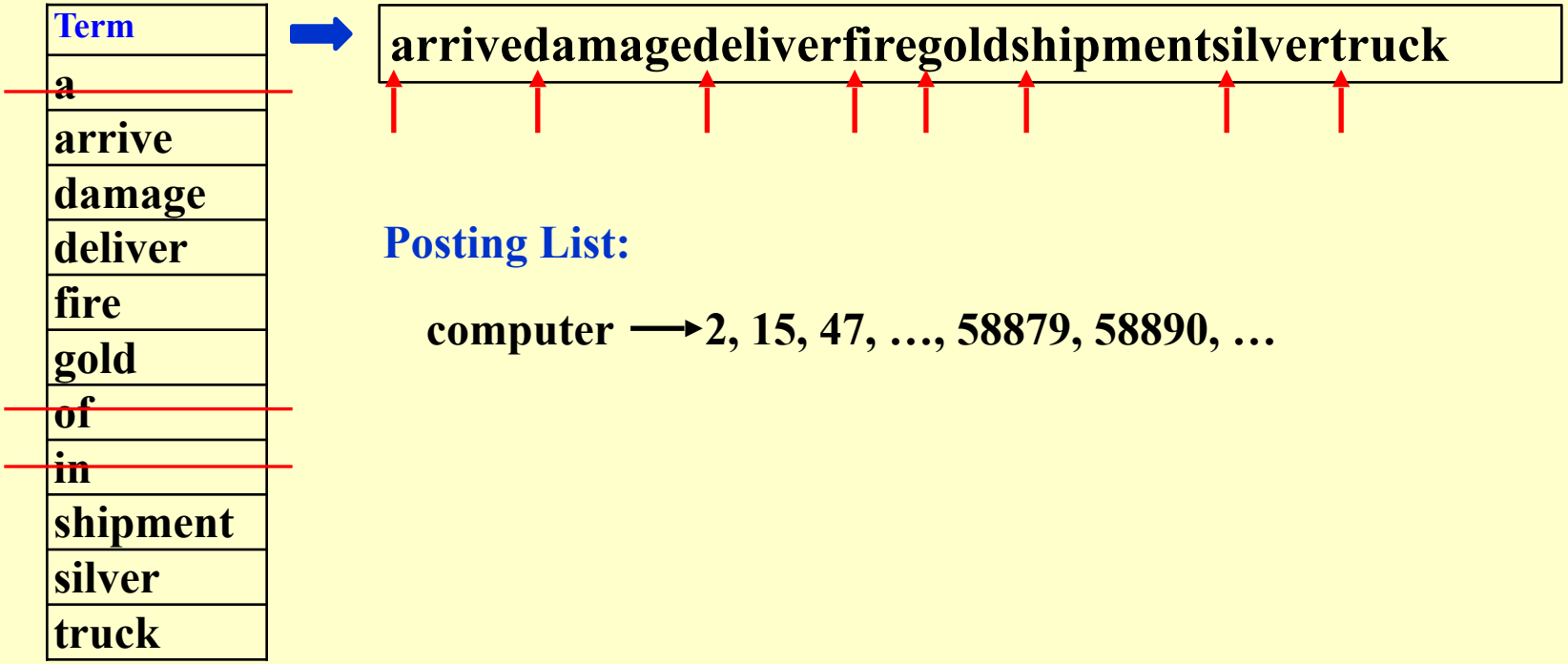

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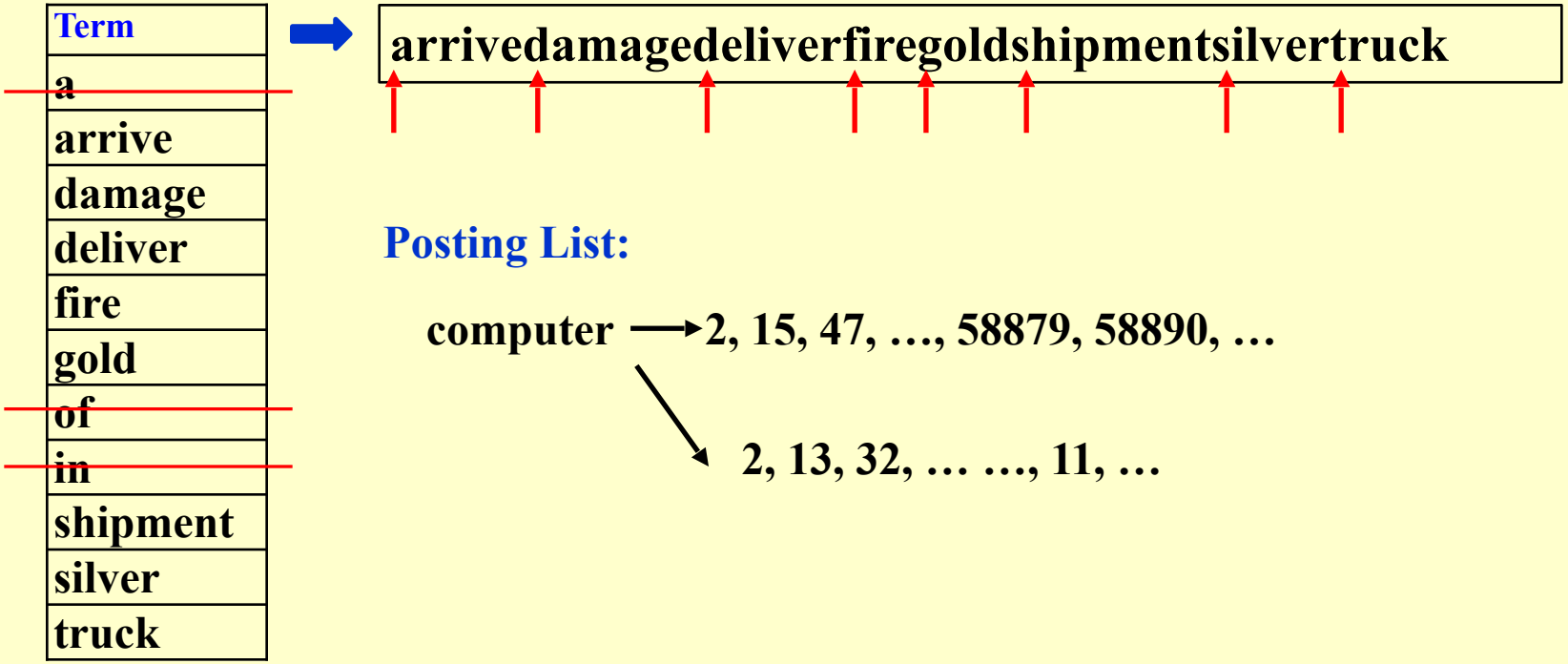

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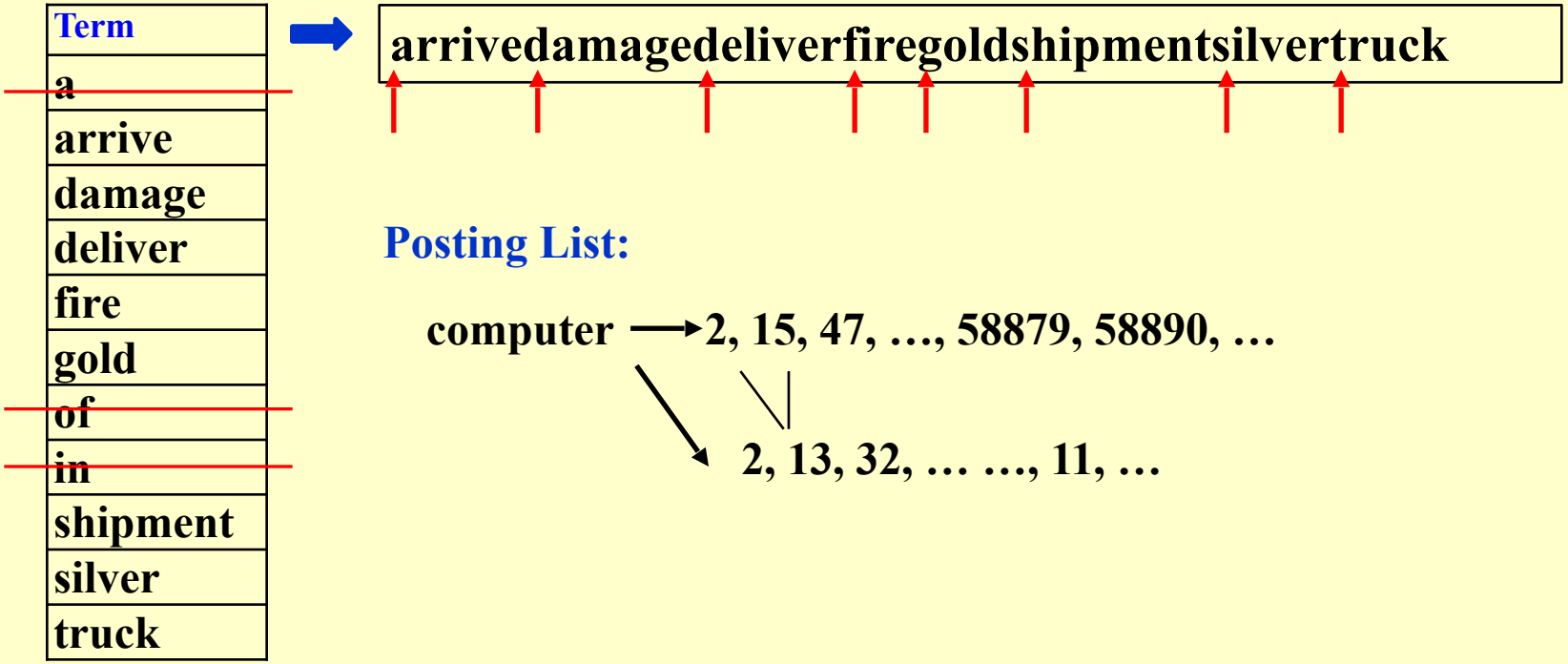

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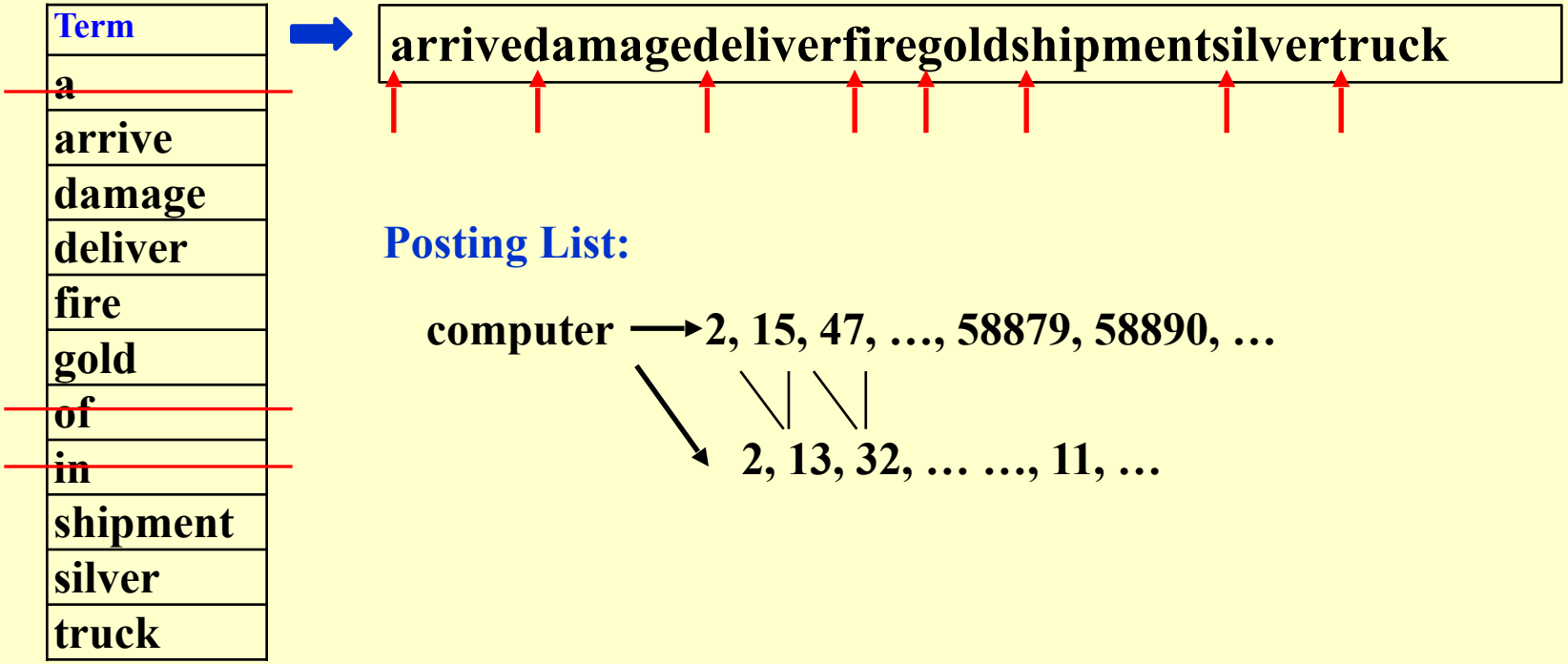

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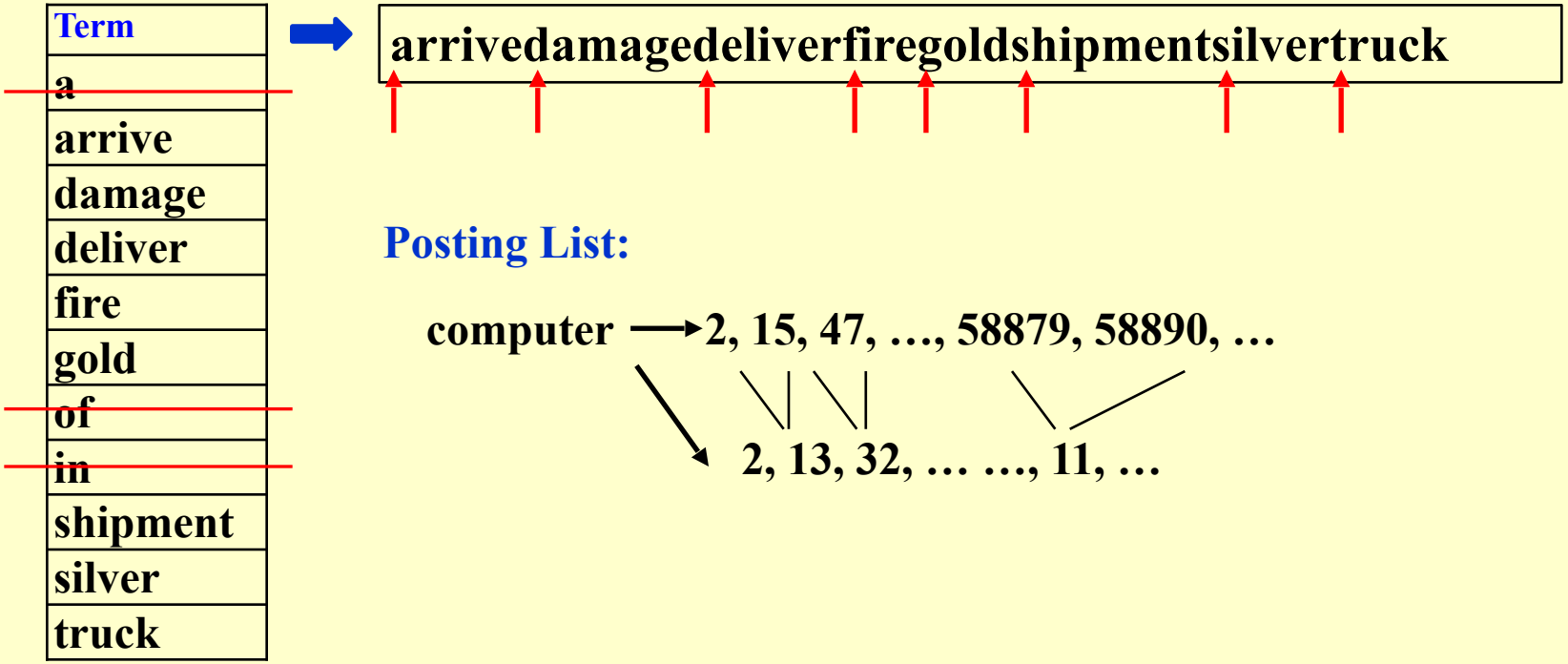

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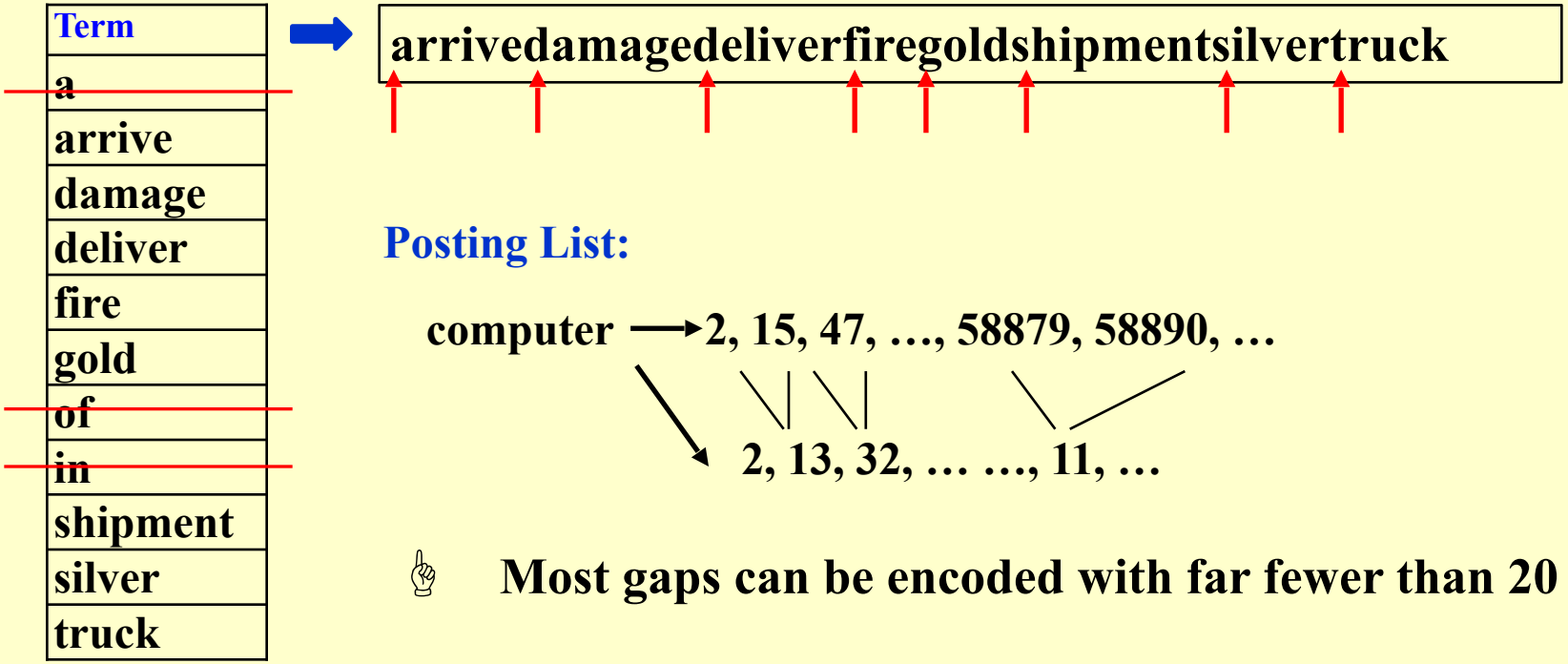

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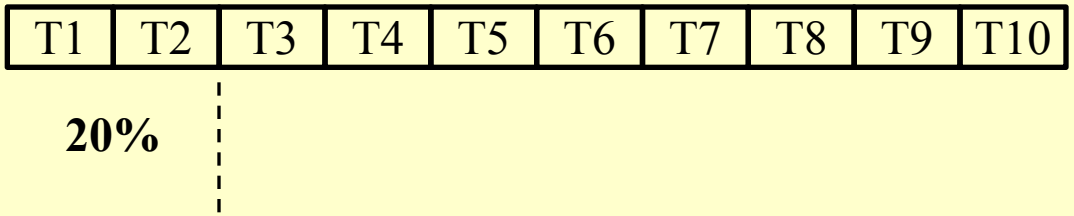

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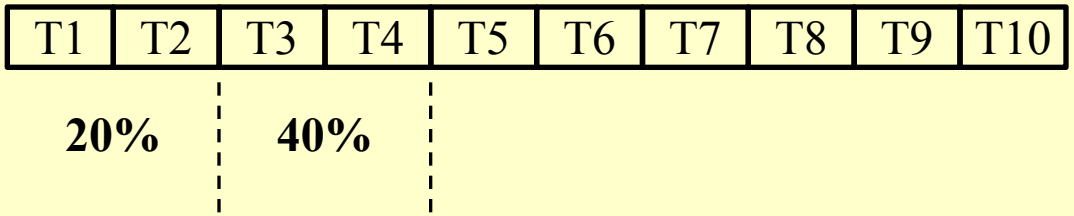

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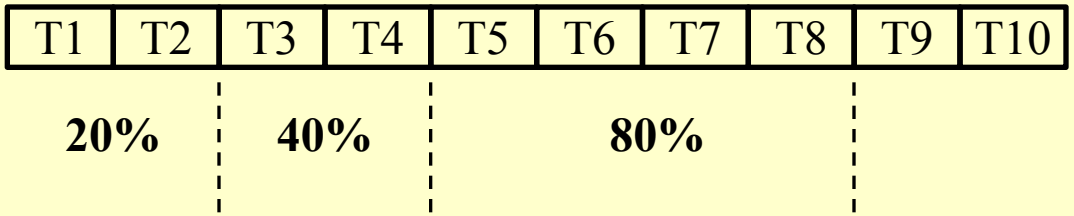

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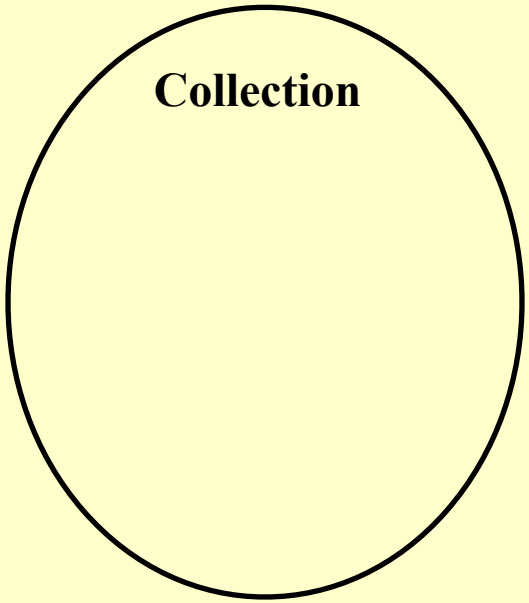

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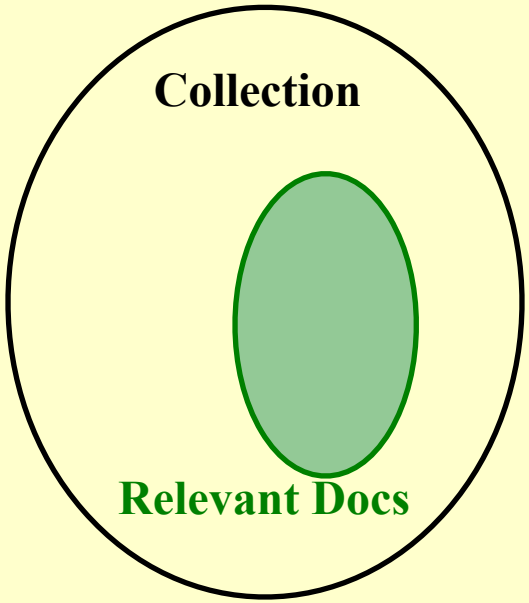

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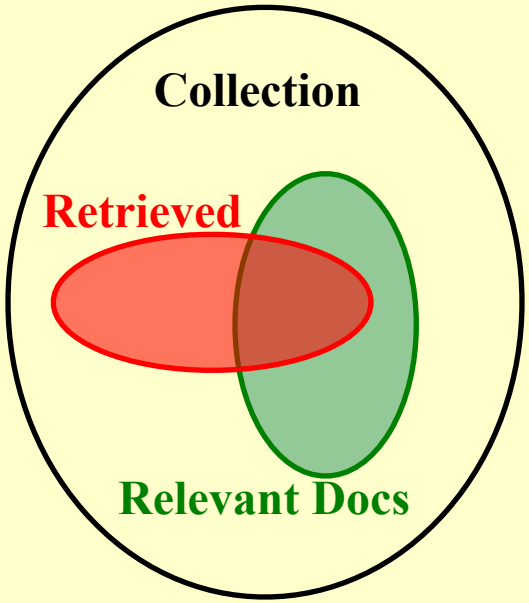

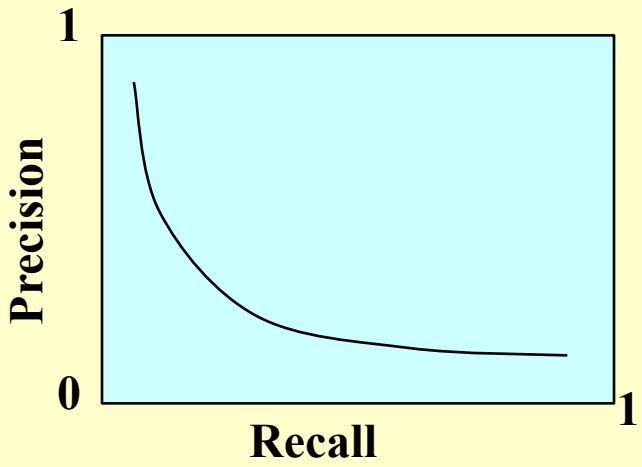
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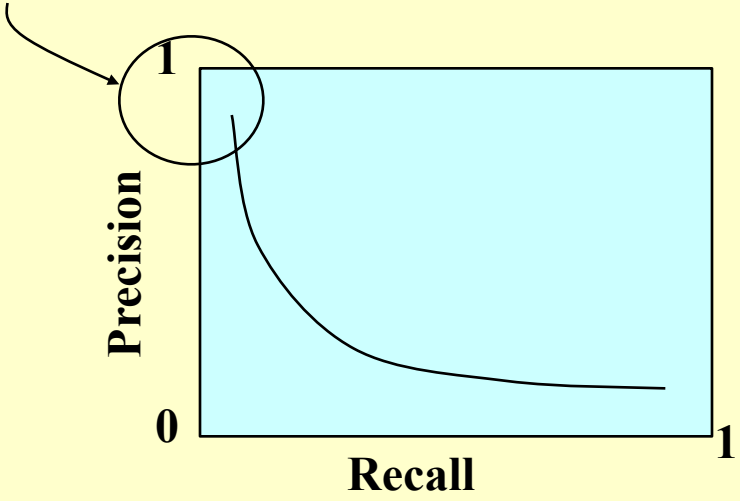

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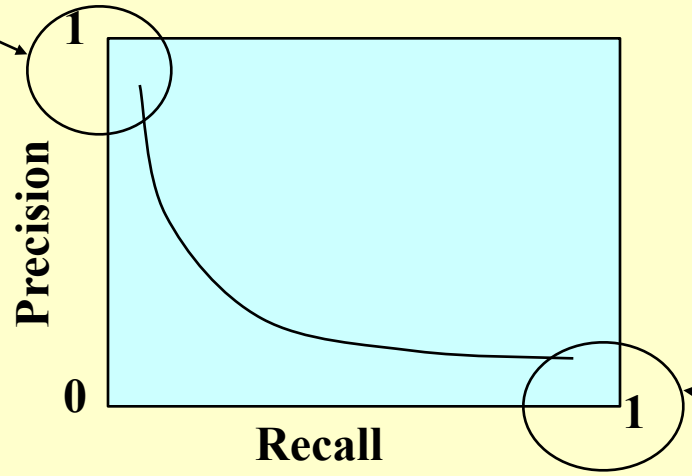

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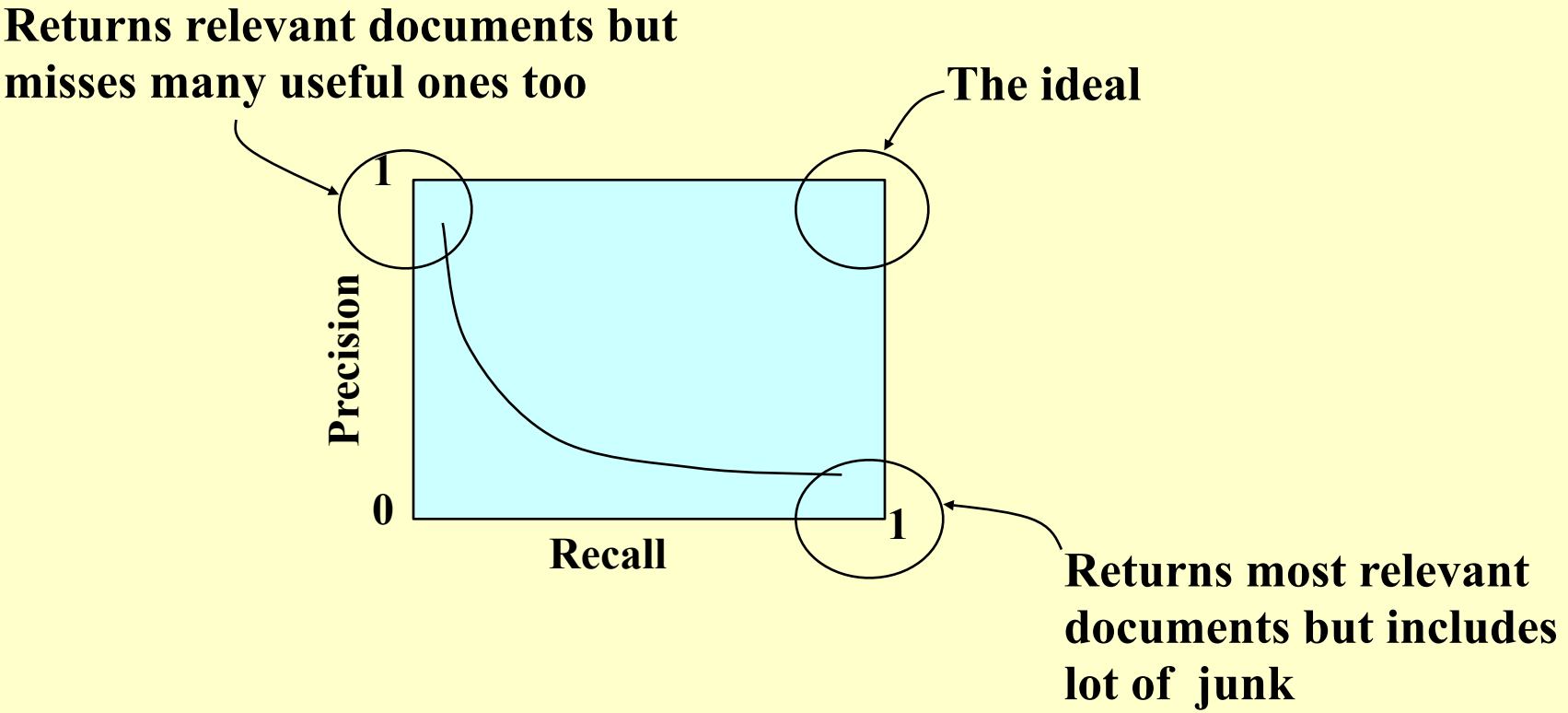
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  - Performance measures: precision, recall…

Thanks for your attention!
Discussions?

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